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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF CHILDREN AT CALUMET?

*Over Seventy Lives Lost at Miners' Christmas Celebration When Some Dastard Yelled "Fire"—Stories
Invented for Press to Save Operators From Criticism.*

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—If sufficient coffins can be brought here today, the seventy-three victims of the panic Christmas eve in Italian Hall, at Red Jacket, which was caused by some one yelling "Fire," will be buried.

But the ugly question: "Who was responsible for that false alarm?" will not be so easily disposed of.

It was heard in whispers yesterday while the bereaved stood outside of the hall, black despair in their hearts, and demanded some child, some woman or some man from the row of bodies inside.

By night the whisper was a sullen muttering, as the strikers repeated to each other: "We don't want help

from the citizens or from the mine owners; we took care of our own when they were living; we can take care of our dead, now."

Every effort is being made to suppress the question. New stories are being invented to account for the panic. One of them is that a child set his cap on fire with some Christmas fireworks, and the sight of the trifling blaze as his father carried him from the hall caused the excitement that resulted in death.

But Mrs. Caesar, 431 Kearsarge street, positively declares she saw the man who pushed his head in the door of the main hallway and bellowed "Fire." She declares she grabbed him by the shoulders and tried to hold him, realizing what would hap-